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QUALIFIED VENDOR SYSTEM RULES -

Did you know that the Division has rules that govern the Qualified Vendor system?

By Ed Rapoport, Business Operations Administrator

The rules are titled *Division Procurement and Rate Setting - Qualified Vendors*. They can be found in the Arizona Administrative Code, Title 6 Chapter 6 Article 2100 – 2119 (R6-6-21). The rule completely explains and details everything you want to know about the Qualified Vendor system but are afraid to ask. To access the rule, do the following:

- Go to the Arizona Secretary of State website <http://azsos.gov>
- Page down to Arizona Administrative Code and click
- You are now on the State of Arizona Administrative Code page
Click on the Table of Contents (Rules)
- Scroll down to Title 6 Economic Security
- Continue to scroll down to #6 which is Chapter 6 Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities then click onto the version you choose to use to view: PDF or RTF
- Scroll or page down to Article 21. Division Procurement and Rate Setting - Qualified Vendors. If you use PDF it can be found on page 64. If you use RFT it can be found on page 84.

FISCAL INTERMEDIARY SERVICES - Implementation in District 6

By Antonia Valladares - Administrative / Operations Business Manager

The Division is planning implementation of District 6's Fiscal Intermediary Services in February. All District 6 affected consumers and providers will be receiving more detailed information and updates soon.

Remember the Fiscal Intermediary will be the single payor for independent providers.

Other Districts will be phased in as the startup activities are completed in their district. We will keep everyone informed of the implementation schedule.

PHARMACY BENEFIT – Medicare Modernization Act

By Barbara Brent, Deputy Assistant Director

As most of you are aware, the Medicare Modernization Act requires that the pharmacy benefit currently available to people who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare be provided by Medicare as of 1/1/06. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is working to identify strategies to minimize the impact of these changes on the people the Division supports. The Division is also conducting research on the possible implications of the change and will be drafting an implementation plan that be shared with stakeholders early in 2005.

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